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MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND PRESCRIBED HOURS OF WORK FOR EMPLOYEES

IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1961

(Wages and hours are quoted from Awards, Determinations or Agreements operative at
31st December, 1961)

ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY			MELBOURNE		
	Wage Rate		Hours	Wage Rate		Hours
	s.	d.		s.	d.	
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>						
<u>Boilermaking -</u>						
Boilermaker	391	0	40	383	0	40
Helper	324	6	"	316	6	"
Labourer	306	6	"	298	6	"
<u>Engineering -</u>						
Blacksmith	394	0	"	386	0	"
Brassfinisher	391	0	"	383	0	"
Coppersmith	394	0	"	386	0	"
Fitter	391	0	"	383	0	"
Labourer	306	6	"	298	6	"
Patternmaker	420	0	"	412	0	"
Shaper	391	0	"	383	0	"
Striker	330	0	"	322	0	"
Turner	391	0	"	383	0	"
<u>Foundry -</u>						
Coremaker - machine	359	0	"	351	0	"
Coremaker - jobbing	391	0	"	383	0	"
Dresser	356	0	"	348	0	"
Furnaceman	352	6	"	344	6	"
Moulder - machine	359	0	"	351	0	"
Moulder - jobbing	391	0	"	383	0	"
<u>Sheet Metal Working -</u>						
Canister Maker	333	6	"	325	6	"
Machinist	323	0	"	315	0	"
Solderer	333	6	"	325	6	"
Sheet Metal Worker, 1st Class	391	0	"	383	0	"
Sheet Metal Worker, 2nd Class	359	0	"	351	0	"
<u>Vehicle Building -</u>						
Bodymaker, 1st Class	391	0	"	383	0	"
Labourer	299	0	"	291	0	"
Painter	381	6	"	373	6	"
Springfitter	391	0	"	383	0	"
Trimmer	381	6	"	373	6	"
Wheelwright	391	0	"	383	0	"
<u>TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</u>						
<u>Bootmaking -</u>						
Clicker	358	6	"	358	6	"
<u>Tailoring (Order) -</u>						
Cutter	477	0	"	420	0	"
Presser	367	6	"	367	6	"
Tailor	383	0	"	383	0	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

31ST DECEMBER, 1961 - (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY			MELBOURNE		
	Wage Rate		Hours	Wage Rate		Hours
	s.	d.		s.	d.	
<u>TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (Cont.)</u>						
<u>Tailoring (Readymade) -</u>						
Cutter	389	6	40	389	6	40
Presser	367	6	"	367	6	"
Tailor	383	0	"	383	0	"
Trimmer	367	6	"	367	6	"
<u>Textile Working (Woollen Mills) -</u>						
Carder	331	0	"	331	0	"
Dyehouseman	336	0	"	336	0	"
Labourer (General)	294	0	"	294	0	"
Scourer (Wool)	348	0	"	348	0	"
Spinner	331	0	"	331	0	"
Loom Turner	379	6	"	379	6	"
Warper (Plain)	335	0	"	335	0	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO</u>						
<u>Baking (Bread) -</u>						
Board Hand	407	0	"	432	0	"
Ovensman	418	0	"	432	0	"
Single Hand	413	6	"	472	0	"
Bread Carter	382	0	"	388	0	"
<u>Baking (Biscuits and Cakes) -</u>						
Baker	366	0	"	351	0	"
Labourer	326	0	"	312	6	"
Mixer	351	0	"	351	0	"
<u>Brewing -</u>						
Cellarman	364	0	"	351	0	"
Driver (Motor, 3 tons)	381	6	"	349	6	"
Labourer	364	0	"	342	0	"
Malt Hand	364	0	"	348	6	"
Towerman	372	6	"	351	0	"
<u>Confectionery -</u>						
Confectioner (Grade 1)	374	0	"	360	0	"
Storeman	351	0	"	342	6	"
<u>Jam Making -</u>						
General Labourer	320	6	"	320	6	"
Solderer	327	0	"	327	0	"
<u>Meat Packing -</u>						
Capper	375	0	"	384	0	"
Guillotine Hand	350	0	"	400	4	"
Jokerman	367	0	"	378	6	"
Packer	350	0	"	378	6	"
Seamer	375	0	"	384	0	"
<u>Milling (Flour) -</u>						
Miller (Shift)	440	0	"	440	0	"
Packerman	360	6	"	360	6	"
Purifierman	366	6	"	366	6	"
Smuttermen	366	6	"	366	6	"
Storeman (Head)	380	0	"	380	0	"
Topman	366	6	"	366	6	"
<u>Pastrycooking -</u>						
Packer	361	0	"	310	0	"
Pastrycook	407	0	"	375	6	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE

31ST DECEMBER, 1961 - (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate		Wage Rate	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
<u>SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.</u>				
<u>Coopering -</u>				
Cooper	391	0	418	0
<u>Furniture -</u>				
Cabinet Maker	393	0	383	0
Chairmaker	393	0	383	0
French Polisher	393	0	383	0
Wood Carver	393	0	383	0
Wood Machinist	393	0	383	0
<u>Sawmilling and Timber Yards -</u>				
Box and Case Maker	346	0	338	0
Labourer	313	0	305	0
<u>Machinist -</u>				
Boults Carver	391	0	383	0
Moulding	391	0	383	0
Planing	391	0	383	0
Shaping	391	0	383	0
Orderman	356	6	348	6
<u>Sawyer -</u>				
Band or Jig	391	0	383	0
Circular	381	0	373	0
Tallyman	350	0	342	0
<u>PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
<u>Bookbinding -</u>				
Finisher	391	0	383	0
Bookbinder	391	0	383	0
Paper Ruler	391	0	383	0
<u>Printing (Daily Newspapers) -</u>				
<u>Compositor (Machine) -</u>				
Day Work	530	6	515	6
Night Work	565	6	562	6
<u>Machinist (First Hand) -</u>				
Day Work	478	6	525	0
Night Work	513	6	572	0
<u>Publisher -</u>				
Day Work	422	0	444	6
Night Work	457	0	491	6
<u>Reader -</u>				
Day Work	485	0	491	0
Night Work	520	0	538	0
<u>Stereotyper -</u>				
Day Work	481	6	519	6
Night Work	516	6	566	6
<u>Printing (Jobbing Offices) -</u>				
Compositor	420	0	412	0
Linotype Operator	420	0	412	0
Machinist	391	0	383	0
Reader	400	6	392	6
Stereotyper	391	0	383	0
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>Brickmaking -</u>				
Burner	363	0	352	6
Pitman	379	0	378	0
Drawer	388	0	367	0
Trucker	373	0	344	0
Setter	388	0	367	0

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

31ST DECEMBER, 1961 - (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate		Wage Rate	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING (Cont'd)</u>				
<u>Electrical Supply -</u>				
Electrical Fitter	498	0	408	6
Instrument Maker	527	0	440	6
Linesman	473	0	415	0
Sub-Station Maintenance Fitter	566	0	383	0
<u>Gas - making and Supply</u>				
Coke Trimmer	335	0	339	6
Gasfitter	409	0	400	0
Labourer	347	0	330	9
Meter Tester	366	0	369	6
Service Layer	369	0	376	6
Service Layer's Labourer	330	6	345	0
Operator, Retort House	362	6	367	6
<u>Jewellery -</u>				
Chainmaker	390	6	367	0
Mounter	410	0	402	0
Setter	410	0	402	0
<u>Leather and Canvas Work -</u>				
Canvas Worker	361	6	353	6
Leather Worker	361	6	353	6
<u>Tanning and Currying -</u>				
Beamsman	358	6	350	6
Labourer	320	0	312	0
Lime Jobber	355	6	347	6
<u>Machinist -</u>				
Shaving	368	0	360	0
Splitting	390	6	382	6
Unhairing	358	6	350	6
Tableman	359	6	351	6
<u>BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (a) -</u>				
Bricklayer (Surface)	461	8	462	6
Bricklayer (Sewer or Tunnel)	481	8	478	4
Carpenter	468	4	466	8
Electrical Mechanic (Installation)	422	0	383	0
Mason (Stone)	434	0	434	2
Painter	440	0	460	0
Paperhanger	440	0	460	0
Signwriter	455	0	460	0
Plasterer (Surface)	451	8	462	6
Plumber (b)	458	0	480	0
<u>Labourer -</u>				
Bricklayer's	365	10	392	6
Carpenter's	365	10	392	6
Concrete Worker	365	10	392	6
Earth Excavator	365	10	392	6
Gear Worker	380	0	420	10
Scaffold Hand	380	0	420	10

(a) Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for excess fares and travelling time, sick pay, public holidays, following the job, etc.

(b) Allowance for excess fares and travelling time varies with each change of job site.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE

31ST DECEMBER, 1961 - (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE			
	Wage Rate		Hours	Wage Rate	Hours	
	s.	d.		s.	d.	
<u>RAILWAY SERVICES</u>						
Engine Driver (Loco) -						
Steam, Diesel-Electric or Electric	481	6	(a)	460	0	(a)
Express, Mail or Passenger	500	6	(a)	479	0	(a)
Shunting Engine	423	6	(a)	385	0	(a)
Fireman -						
Ordinary	375	6	(a)	354	0	(a)
Express, Mail or Passenger	385	6	(a)	364	0	(a)
Shunting Engine	349	0	(a)	330	0	(a)
Guard -						
1st Class	408	6	(a)	406	0	(a)
2nd Class	377	6	(a)	387	0	(a)
Porter	335	6	(a)	335	0	(a)
Shunter --						
Head	485	0	(b)	
Leading	432	0	(b)	410	6	(b)
Ordinary	377	6	(b)	356	0	(b)
Signalman -						
1st Class	457	6	(b)	402	0	(b)
2nd Class	438	6	(a)	380	6	(a)
3rd Class	423	6	(a)	364	0	(a)
<u>ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT</u>						
<u>Tramways -</u>						
Conductor -						
1st Year	(c)		(c)	316	6	40
Thereafter	(c)		(c)	335	0	"
Labourer	(c)		(c)	310	0	"
Track Repairer	(c)		(c)	320	6	"
Tram Driver	(c)		(c)	344	6	"
Pitman	(c)		(c)	349	6	"
<u>Motor Omnibuses -</u>						
Conductor -						
1st Year	327	0	(a)	316	6	"
Thereafter	(352	6				
	to		(a)	335	0	"
	(380	6				
Driver	400	6	(a)	370	0	"
Bus Greaser -						
1st Year	333	6	40	322	0	"
2nd Year	343	0	"	325	6	"
3rd Year	346	6	"	328	6	"
<u>Carrying Merchandise -</u>						
Carter -						
1 Horse	343	0	"	319	0	"
2 Horses	353	0	"	336	6	"
Stable Hand	343	6	"	312	0	"
Motor Lorries and Wagons -						
3 Tons	373	0	"	349	6	"
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	388	0	"	363	0	"
<u>SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING</u>						
<u>Wharf Labour -</u>						
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	11	7		11	7	
<u>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</u>						
<u>Butchering (Retail) -</u>						
Carter (1 horse)	348	6	40	340	6	40
General Butcher	389	6	"	381	6	"
Shopman	389	6	"	381	6	"
Smallgoodsman	389	6	"	381	6	"

(a) 80 hours per fortnight. (b) 76 hours per fortnight. (c) Last tram route closed in Sydney in February, 1961.

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31ST DECEMBER, 1961 - (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
<u>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE - (Cont'd)</u>	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>Shop Assistants -</u>				
Footwear Salesman	375 0	40	357 6	40
Drapery Salesman	375 0	"	357 6	"
Furniture Salesman	375 0	"	362 6	"
Grocery Salesman	375 0	"	355 9	"
Hardware Salesman	375 0	"	357 6	"
Men's Clothing Salesman	375 0	"	357 6	"
<u>AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, PERSONAL SERVICE, ETC.</u>				
<u>Hotels -</u>				
Barman	346 0	"	338 0	"
Billiard Marker	320 6	"	312 6	"
Cook	442 0	"	434 0	"
Handyman	320 6	"	312 6	"
Kitchenman	320 6	"	312 6	"
Porter	320 6	"	312 6	"
Waiter	320 6	"	312 6	"
<u>Hairdressing -</u>				
Hairdresser	401 0	"	370 0	"
<u>Theatres -</u>				
Electrician	402 0	"	402 0	"
Projectionist	472 6	"	472 6	"
	and	"	and	"
	511 6	"	511 6	"
Stage Door Keeper	319 3	"	319 3	"
Usher, Ticket Taker	330 0	"	330 0	"
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>Factory Engine Driving -</u>				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	375 6	"	367 6	"
2nd Class	362 0	"	354 0	"
Fireman -				
1st Class	352 6	"	344 6	"
2nd Class	336 6	"	328 6	"
<u>Municipal -</u>				
Labourer	383 6	"	322 0	"
Concrete Floater	414 6	"	364 0	"
<u>Storemen and Packers -</u>				
Packer (General)	351 0	"	342 6	"
Storeman (General)	351 0	"	342 6	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE

31ST DECEMBER, 1961

<u>TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</u>				
<u>Bootmaking</u>	243 6	40	243 6	40
<u>Dressmaking (Readymade) - Cutter</u>	268 0	"	268 0	"
<u>Millinery - Cutter</u>	268 0	"	268 0	"
<u>Shirt Making - Cutter</u>	268 0	"	268 0	"
<u>Underclothing - Cutter</u>	268 0	"	268 0	"
<u>Tailoring (Men's Order) -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	268 0	"	268 0	"
Trousers and Vest Hand	249 6	"	249 6	"
Tailoress	310 0	"	310 0	"
Adult Female	223 0	"	223 0	"
<u>Tailoring (Men's Readymade) -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	253 0	"	253 0	"
Trousers and Vest Hand	245 6	"	245 6	"
Adult Female	223 0	"	223 0	"

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31ST DECEMBER, 1961 - (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate		Wage Rate	
	s.	s.	s.	d.
<u>TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR-(Cont'd)</u>				
<u>Textile Working (Woollen Mills) -</u>				
Comb Minder	240	6	240	6
Darner and Mender	247	0	247	0
Warper, Plain	243	0	243	0
Weaver, Loom	247	0	247	0
Gillbox Minder	238	0	238	0
Other Adult	220	0	220	0
<u>FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO</u>				
<u>Biscuit Making</u>	248	0	240	6
<u>Confectionery</u>	246	0	234	6
<u>PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
<u>Bookbinding -</u>				
Folder	251	6	245	6
Sewer	251	6	245	6
<u>Cardboard Box -</u>				
Boxmaker	249	0	243	0
Other	237	0	231	0
<u>Printing -</u>				
Jobbing Office Assistant	251	6	245	6
<u>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</u>				
<u>Clerks -</u>				
Cashier (Shops)	297	6	274	6
Clerical Assistant	295	0	269	6
<u>Shops -</u>				
Footwear Saleswoman	297	6	259	9
	to		and	
	375	0	357	3
Drapery Saleswoman	297	6	259	9
	to		and	
	375	0	357	3
Fruit and Confectionery Saleswoman	288	0	250	0
Newsagent and Bookstall Saleswoman	297	6	257	9
<u>AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, PERSONAL SERVICE, ETC.</u>				
<u>Hotels -</u>				
Barmaid	272	0	338	0
Housemaid	243	0	237	0
Laundress	244	0	238	0
Waitress - Head	251	6	245	6
Other	243	0	237	0
<u>Restaurants -</u>				
Pantry Maid	257	0	235	0
Waitress	257	0	235	0
<u>Theatres -</u>				
Female Usher, Ticket Taker, etc.	248	3	248	3
	and		and	
	254	0	254	0
Ticket Seller	254	0	254	0
	and		and	
	259	9	259	9